Forests

Plantations near human habitations in South Kanara.

* 1803 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any new plantations have been raised in the reserves within half a mile of human habitations on the village-sites in South Kanara during the last two years and if so, where;

(*b*) what extent of grazing land in the reserves has been closed for the cattle of the neighbouring ryots as the result of such plantations; and

(*c*) why such plantations are raised so close to the dwellings of the cultivators in the villages?

A.—(*a*) Yes; one in the Sampaje Reserved forests.

(*b*) 51·25 acres.

(*c*) The plantation is within half a mile of Kulgundy hamlet which consists of 14 dwellings, mostly huts. In South Kanara, there are generally no village sites properly so called and houses and huts are scattered. Plantations are formed in the most suitable places in this case there can be no possible inconvenience caused.

In the particular locality under reference, out of 12,000 acres available for grazing only 126 are closed. The number of cattle is under 700.

Prisons and Prisoners

Quality of raw rations in Jails.

* 1804 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any non-official visitors to the central jails have at any time during the last three years reported to the Government about the bad quality of the raw rations in jails; and

(*b*) whether samples of these raw rations are being sent to the King Institute for periodical analysis and the results reported to the Government?

A.—(*a*) No such report is traceable.

(*b*) No. The Government see no need to do this.

Diet given to boys in Reformatory schools.

* 1805 Q.—Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the diet that is given to the boys of the Ranipet, Chingleput and Rajahmundry Reformatory schools;

(*b*) whether the food is vegetarian or non-vegetarian;

(*c*) if vegetarian, whether any quantity of dhall, ghee or oil and butter-milk is being given to make it a complete diet;

(*d*) whether any Food Specialist like Colonel Mac Carrison has been consulted in the matter; and

(*e*) if not, whether the Government will consider the desirability of doing so?